

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir. NDDDB is marketing refined mustard oil and refined groundnut oil under the Dhara brand name in different markets of the country. Currently, there is no shortage of Dhara refined edible oils in any of these markets.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Steel Stockyards In Bihar

6838. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to states:

(a) the number of location of Steel Stockyards in Bihar at present;

(b) whether the Union Government have taken any decision for setting up of more such stockyards in that state; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There are three tockyard in Bihar and the locations are :-

SAIL	: Bokaro Patna
TISCO	: Patna

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Expansion of Electronic Telephone Exchange At Gulbarga, Karnataka

6839. DR. B.G. JAWALI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for expansion of the electronic telephone exchange at Gulbarga, Karnataka;

(b) the progress made so far; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be expanded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The existing exchange is working at its full capacity and cannot be expanded. This exchange is planned to be replaced by 5000 Lines Electronic exchange.

(b) Exchange equipment has been ordered for supply by M/s. ITI during early part of 1992-93.

(c) The new 5000 Lines electronic exchange is likely to be commissioned during 1992-93.

[*Translation*]

New Equipments for Telephone Exchange In Agra

6840. SHRI BHAG RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government for changing the outdated telephone exchange equipments in Agra District of Uttar Pradesh, and

(b) if so, the time by which new equipments are likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) (i) The electro-mechanical exchanges at Etamadpur, Fatehabad, Jarar and Kheragarh are planned

to be replaced by electronic exchanges during 1991-92.

(ii) The out-dated telephone exchanges in Agra city will be replaced by modern exchanges progressively during 1991-95.

[English]

Amnesty International Report, 1991

6842. SHRI RAM KAPSE:
SHRI RAM NAIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the Amnesty International Report, 1991 wherein it has been stated that an unprecedented rise in violence and killings by separatist groups in several regions of India was accompanied by a similar rise in politically motivated killings by the Government forces and detention of thousands of political prisoners under special or preventive detention laws; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). The Government of India is aware of the Amnesty International 1991 Report. While acknowledging increased violence by "armed separatist groups", it alleges *inter alia* that "several thousand political prisoners" were

held in India without charge or trial under special or preventive detention laws and that "increasingly, politically motivated arrests were not officially acknowledged". The figures provided in the Report of persons under detention are exaggerated and it is false to allege that there have been "Politically motivated" killings/unacknowledged arrests by Government forces.

[Translation]

Census, 1991

6843. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:
SHRI MUKUL WASNIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the distribution of male and female population, male and female literacy rates, density and growth rate of population as per the provisional figures of the 1991 Census, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the population of various religions in the country according to the 1991 Census?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The required information is given in the statement enclosed.

(b) The population of various religions in the country according to the 1991 Census is not available.